upto 40 per cent in ITDC Hotel Properties at this juncture;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether Government would consider to give ITDC Hotels to the employees for managing their activities profitability for atleast two years before considering the proposal of disinvestment to multinational Companies/Foreigners, etc.;

(c) if the answer to (b) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the evaluation of the ITDC Hotels have been made at quite a lower side by foreign banks and no other Government Expert/Agency from the Ministry of Urban Development/Finance etc. were associated in the said evaluation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Government have formulated a scheme whereby small groups of ITDC hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as joint ventures with foreign hotel chains. ITDC Union have expressed their concern over the forming of joint ventures mainly for the reasons that it will not be in the interest of workers. As the scheme formulated by the Govt. envisages much wider objectives including the welfare of the employees, it was not found feasible to agree to other suggestions.

(d) The evaluation of ITDC hotel properties by four foreign banks is an independent evaluation which can be used as an indicative figure for raising resources, planning investment and determining economic returns to the Corporation.

Economically viable routes of Air India

2689. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the routes of Air ndia are economically viable;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps contemplated to make them economically viable

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) All the routes on which Air India operate passenger services have produced cash surplus during 1991-92.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Modernisation of Airports in Uttar Pradesh

2690. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to modernise some airports of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof with amount involved on each such airport;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to undertake modernisation of airports of Uttar Pradesh on its own; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) No specific request has been received to modernise airports in Uttar Pradesh. However, the National Airports Authority has plans to modernise various facilities at Agra, Allahabad, Dehradun, Kanpur, Lucknow, Pant Nagar and Varanasi airports in Uttar Pradesh with an outlay of Rs. 7.57 crores during 1992-93. The airport at Lucknow is among the twelve airports selected to be developed as model airports in the country.